

ART AT THE EXPOSITION

Contracting for Pictures of High Merit to Exhibit Here Next Year.

GREAT LUCK OF DIRECTOR GRIFFITHS

Secures for the Exposition the Famous Old Painting, the "Fall of Babylon,"—Work of Wisconsin Commission.

Art Director Griffiths notified the exposition management yesterday that he has now secured possession of the famous painting, "The Fall of Babylon," for which he has been negotiating for the last two months.

This painting is by Georges Rochegrosse, a contemporary artist of the French school of Versailles. He was a pupil of Jules Lefebvre and Boulangier. He took his first medal in 1882, and in the succeeding year, the Grand Prix Salon. "The Fall of Babylon," after taking a prize, was purchased by a syndicate in Chicago for exhibition at the exposition throughout the country. It was subsequently sold to a New York syndicate. The picture is a large one, fully forty feet long and twenty feet high. The figures are life size, and among them are a score of nude women, the choice companions of a pleasure-loving prince. It is owing to this fact that the painting is so much the subject of the celebration of the long battle over the nude art has been fought over this painting.

Twenty years ago Mr. Griffiths secured it for an exhibition in Toronto. One of the directors of the society under whose auspices the exhibition was held, who was opposed to the picture, that he resigned his position when overborne by his colleagues. It was due to the praiseworthy sentiment of those opposed to the nude in art that Rochegrosse was induced to introduce a wreath of roses upon the central figure. As originally exhibited the painting was minus this wreath. It is almost unnecessary to add that the wreath added to the suggestiveness.

The story which the picture tells is morning in Babylon after a bacchanalian revel. Many of the inhabitants are asleep, but a few restless ones awake to find that the Macedonians are battling at the gate. It has never been reproduced as a whole. Several fragments have been reproduced, but none of them do justice to Rochegrosse's work.

Mr. Griffiths states in his letter to the Department of Exhibits that he intends to show the painting in some of the eastern cities to assist in defraying the expense necessary in securing it for Omaha. He will forward to Omaha a copy of the painting.

WISCONSIN AT THE EXPOSITION.

Plan of the Building that is to be Erected.

Architect Claas of Milwaukee, who is a member of the Wisconsin Exposition commission, will visit Omaha some time next week for the purpose of looking over the exposition grounds with a view of selecting a site for the handsome building which Wisconsin intends to erect on the grounds. In this connection Mr. Claas has expressed his views in the Milwaukee Sentinel regarding the character of the building which he will suggest to his associates of the commission. Mr. Claas has offered to donate a plan for a state building, and his suggestions in that line will probably be adopted. In his interview in the Sentinel he said:

"I shall prepare a rough pencil sketch of a Wisconsin building, according to my own ideas, to be submitted to my associates upon the commission, which will be held in my mind will be without reference to all ideas of the conventional club house. I would have a building of the classical order, with a wide frieze, upon which would be a series of historic pictures in relief showing the development of the state. In short, I would connect the building at Omaha with the semi-centennial, which will be celebrated at the same time in this state. The building could have a glass roof, and be provided with a fish pond and cases containing the fish of the state, and would be the finest in the country, and would be a feature of the exposition. I would have the space about the pond filled in with palms and ferns, and the building would be the center of the midland of them should come boiling up the famous spring waters of our Badger state. At the four corners of the structure I would have statues representing commerce, industry, education and agriculture, and upon the pedestals on which they are placed, in brief outline, I would have the history of the development of the state. Let the whole thing take upon itself the appearance of a winter garden. What would it cost? Not a great deal. It would be a mere shell covering staff—say \$5,000 or \$10,000 for the building, and \$10,000 more for the statuary and furnishings. I think I could get the four figures of education, industry, commerce and agriculture for about \$100 each."

FOREIGN COUNTRIES INTERESTED.

Favorable Responses with Reference to Exposition Exhibits.

Efforts of the Department of Publicity and Promotion to enlist co-operation at the hands of United States consuls throughout the world are meeting with favorable responses in all quarters. Hon. J. H. Madden, United States consul at Smyrna, Turkey, under date of September 28, writes to Manager Rosewater of the department as follows: "I have given your letter and circular to Messrs. Harit & Polak, the great carpet manufacturers of this city. They will write their agents, Mandell Bros. of Chicago, and try to make arrangements with them to have their goods displayed at the Omaha exposition."

Hon. George N. West, consul at Sydney, Nova Scotia, writes: "I have laid copy of your letter, with prospectus before the president of the Board of Trade of Sydney, and shall be pleased by any means in my power to promote and assist in having this section of Nova Scotia adequately represented."

W. F. Powell, attache of the United States legation at Port au Prince, Hayti, writes that, in response to Mr. Rosewater's official request, an official communication on the subject has been forwarded to the governor of Hayti, asking him to give the invitation tendered by the Transmississippi Exposition. The governor had not yet replied when Mr. Powell's letter was written.

Hon. Perry M. de Leon, United States consul general at Guayquil, writes that he has made good use of the exposition pamphlets by turning them over to parties most interested and says that he will take pains to bring the subject to the attention of such people as he may deem to be interested in the matter.

Educational Committee Coming.

Superintendent Pearce of the public schools expects that the members of the executive committee of the National Educational as-

sociation will visit Omaha within the next two weeks. The visit of the committee is for the purpose of a personal inspection of the capacity of the city to entertain the 1898 convention of the association. The Commercial club, the exposition management and other public bodies will be expected to co-operate in showing the members that Omaha is well able to provide the necessary accommodations. The committee will also visit Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Washington, and then select the location for the convention will depend very largely upon its comparative impressions of the four cities.

Bids on Auditorium Building.

Bids for the construction of the Auditorium building on the main court of the exposition grounds were opened last evening by Manager Kirkendall of the Department of Buildings and Grounds. There were four bids for the work, the latter being Swift & Eastman, P. J. Creighton of this city was the lowest bidder on the carpenter work, his figures being \$11,053. The lowest bid for the masonry work was \$12,335, making a total for the building of \$11,053. The carpenter bids in detail were as follows: P. J. Creighton, \$1,818; Swift & Eastman, \$1,818; William Goldie & Sons, Chicago, \$10,700; time, eighty days. R. Rutkin, Omaha, \$10,700; time, eighty days. Scott Brothers, Omaha, \$15,777; eighty days, \$499; time, ninety days.

Convention of Street Railway Men.

A campaign is now under way to secure the incorporation of the Street Railway association, consisting of street railway men from all parts of the American continent, having a membership of about 2,000, which meets at Niagara Falls October 19 to 22. W. A. Smith of the Omaha Street Railway company and W. S. Dimmock of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company are delegates from this section. They are here to express their determination to do everything in their power to secure the next meeting for Omaha. Prof. P. W. Taylor of the Department of Exhibits of Niagara Falls and he will render his assistance in securing a vote for Omaha.

Dr. Cowperthwaite Arrives.

Dr. A. C. Cowperthwaite, professor of materia medica in the Chicago Homeopathic college, and also chairman of the Board of Transportation of the American Institute of Homeopathy, arrived in Omaha yesterday to confer with the Transmississippi Exposition. The organization meets in Omaha in June, 1898. It is expected that fully 1,500 members will be present. Dr. Cowperthwaite will endeavor to secure a special rate for his colleagues, good from any point in the country. The doctor was a resident of Nebraska City about twenty-five years ago and was one of the organizers of the Nebraska Society of Homeopathy.

Notes of the Exposition.

H. A. Loefer & Co. of Cleveland, O., have applied for 400 feet of space for an exhibit of bicycles and accessories.

The American Hosiery company of New Britain, Conn., has applied for ninety-one feet of space for an exhibit.

George W. York, editor of the American Bee Journal of Chicago, writes to the Department of Exhibits that Chicago will make a fine exhibit in the Apisary building.

F. H. Newell, hydrographer in the geological survey of the Interior department of the United States, has written to the Department of Exhibits to assure the exposition management that every possible assistance will be rendered in connection with the proposed irrigation exhibits at the exposition.

The strike situation at the exposition grounds remains unchanged. No concessions have yet been made to the strikers by Hamilton Bros. or Parish. Streibler's force is composed of union men. The rain stopped work yesterday, but an attempt was made to resume work this afternoon. The strikers preserve their air of hopefulness and say they have not given up the determination to win over all honest men on the ground.

An Honest Remedy.

"We could not say too much in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has cured years ago one of our children had an attack of croup and we were afraid that we would lose him. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised, we decided to give it a trial. It gave almost instant relief and we believe it saved the child's life. Since then we have never been without a bottle of this remedy in the house and we recommend it to every one as being an honest cough remedy."—L. W. Nichols, East New Market, Md.

CHURCH AND HOME HOMILIES.

No one can have joy today who is worrying about tomorrow.

"Why don't you work? You are an able-bodied man," she asked the tramp. "I am that," I know it well, and I've only myself to thank for it. I got work I might be doing a man with a wife and children of a job, ma'am, the kind-hearted wanderer replied.

Society is what people are when they know they are watched.

One of the new teachers in the Sunday school (a mother of children, by the way), realizes now what a need there is for good instruction in the school. She asked her class of boys last Sunday, "Tell me some of the church seasons." Silence ensued for a moment, broken at last by one young hopeful. "Well, here's the one I know of," he said. "I know about it. They wouldn't let us go in swimming then."

LOCAL BRIEFINGS.

The other day it was reported that there was a fire in the coal yard of Isaac Lewis. It seems that this was a mistake, as the blaze was in another coal yard near by.

Fire due to the careless throwing of ash in the boiler room at the Windsor Hotel called the fire department out at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The damage was slight.

A number of the local attorneys have clubbed together and paid for a telephone in court room No. 6 for their mutual convenience as well as that of the public. The number is 1944.

J. B. McCoy, a special revenue agent with headquarters at Minneapolis, is inspecting the local revenue office. He succeeded J. B. Carson in this district, who has been transferred to St. Louis.

The Omaha Brewing association has been granted a permit to build a frame addition to the bottling house at 12th and 18th Sherman avenue. The new building will be 48x48 feet, one story and a basement.

Judge Baker yesterday held court long enough to empty the dock called for service during the coming three weeks of the term. In the afternoon he went to Blair to preside over the docket of Washington county in place of Judge Bababash. Until his return the criminal court will be out of business.

Peter Stockholm, a photographer, while drunk Saturday night, was taken into custody on North Sixteenth street and insulted the cashier, Miss Mary Lyons. He then attempted to move the desk into the street. An officer was called who took him to the station. The offender was fined \$1 and costs by Judge Gordon yesterday.

Collector Houtz says the appointment of H. Q. Stewart as deputy collector was in accordance with one of the city's rules. Stewart had been in the service and was let out upon a change of administration. He is an old soldier. He has just been re-elected in his old position and he assumes his duties today.

Merritt Monk and William Hewitt, a couple of small boys of Abbia, Ia., beat their way to this city on a freight train, arriving Sunday morning. They had been in the city but a few minutes when they were taken in charge by an officer and conducted to the station. The boys express a desire to return to their parents, who have been notified.

DIED.

DOLL—Elizabeth, October 18, 1897, aged 61 years, of cancer of the stomach, died at 618 August Doll, funeral Wednesday, October 20, at 2 o'clock p. m. from her late residence, 1515 South Thirty-third street. Interment Evergreen cemetery.

At the Millard-Deane Harrigan, New York; J. L. Rogers, Kansas City; H. Sling, Chicago; L. H. Dunlap, Portland, Me.; J. H. Wood, Burlington; J. E. Henneghan and wife, Chicago; J. T. Peters, Carbon, Wyo.; Robert W. Farnas, Brownsville, George E. Seumle, Woodland, Chicago; J. S. Warren, Edgar, D. H. Price, Baton Rouge; B. R. Nicholson, Lemars, Ia.; G. H. Lippert, St. Louis, A. P. Hale, Des Moines; Mrs. J. L. Aron, George B. White, J. E. Holliday, Chicago.

BONDS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Education Favors the Erection of a New Building.

SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Proposition Ordered Drawn Providing for the Voting of \$200,000 Bonds at the Coming General Election.

Neither President Lunt nor Vice President Penfold were present at the regular meeting of the Board of Education last night, and Paul E. Winter was elected president pro tem. There was comparatively little business to be transacted, and the bulk of the evening was occupied by the discussion of the report of the special committee on the question of submitting at the coming election a proposition to vote bonds for the erection of a new high school. The matter was brought up in committee of the whole, and Anderson submitted the report which detailed the existing conditions at some length. The committee suggested that it was not necessary to build an entirely new building at this time. It favored the erection of an addition, which would eventually become a part of the new building, and which would provide quarters for the manual training department, the scientific laboratories, several class rooms and an assembly room. Such a building could be constructed for \$200,000, and the committee recommended that a proposition be submitted to vote bonds in that amount.

Hess and Dennis declared themselves in favor of building an entirely new building, and Superintendent Banker stated that a modern structure would cost about \$500,000. He stated that the committee could be ready by the first of the year the entire building could be completed without interfering more than one month on the regular school work. Principal Leviathan declared that it would require at least sixty rooms to properly accommodate the school. He detailed some of the inconveniences arising from the present crowded condition, and stated that a building which provided that a committee of five should be appointed to draw up a proposition contemplating an issue of \$250,000 in bonds.

Dr. Moore also declared himself opposed to "piecemeal" building and he emphasized the importance of a comparatively low structure to accommodate the school. The health of pupils resulting from climbing ladders of stairs.

The ideas of the members enlarged as the debate continued. Hess moved that the amount be increased to \$300,000, the additional \$50,000 to be used to furnish the building, and Van Gilder contended that \$300,000 should be expended on the building regardless of the furnishing.

Anderson suggested that while it was all very well to become enthusiastic over a new high school, if a proposition for \$100,000 was placed before the people it would be defeated. There were many people who considered the high school a good deal of a luxury, and while he was in favor of a new high school, as well as any one he believed that it would be impossible to secure enough money to erect the whole building at once.

BROOK NO DELAY.

Johnson thought the bond proposition was premature at this time. While the new building was badly needed, there was no great public sentiment in its favor and there was not sufficient time before election day, which was properly agitate the matter. He was not in favor of submitting the proposition until the time was ripe for its endorsement. He moved that the proposition be postponed to a special meeting to be held later in the week, but this was lost in the parliamentary shuffle and the committee voted to report in favor of a \$300,000 proposition.

In regular session the report of the committee of the whole was adopted and the board of education as a substitute for that board, superintendent of schools, superintendent of buildings and attorney, was instructed to draft the proposition and submit it to the board at a special meeting Wednesday night.

G. R. Rathbun, instructor in the commercial department at the High school, asked the board to select a committee of three experts to examine him in regard to his qualifications in order that he might not be accused of being employed on account of a "political pull."

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